

**TELL CITY-TROY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE**  
**BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**  
**TUESDAY MARCH 09, 2021**  
**TELL CITY HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**  
**900 12<sup>TH</sup> STREET**  
**TELL CITY, INDIANA 47586**  
**6:30 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence:  
 Call to Order:

Roll Call:    Tony Thomas            Rick May            Linda Mattingly            Larry Goffinett            Jim Whalen

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| 1. | Adoption of the Agenda of Tuesday March, 09, 2021  | M         | V |
| 2. | <b>Reports:</b><br>a. Mrs. Noble:<br>b. Mr. Ramsey:<br>c. Report from the County Redevelopment Commission<br>d. Corporation Covid-19 Update                |           |   |
| 3. | <b>Communications from the Public:</b>   |           |   |
| 4. | <b>Consent Agenda:</b><br>a. Approval of the minutes of the 02.09.21 Regular Meeting<br>b. Approval of the Claim Docket<br>c. Resignations and Retirements | M         | V |
| 5. | <b>Old Business:</b>   |           |   |
| 6. | <b>New Business:</b>   |           |   |
|    | a. William Tell Elementary School  | M         | V |
|    | b. Tell City JSHS  | No Action |   |
|    | c. Athletics   | M         | V |
|    | d. Update to the bus replacement plan  | M         | V |
|    | e. Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement Association of Indiana Counties Tax Refund Exchange and Compliance System                                     | M         | V |
|    | f. Resolution Opposing the Establishment of Education Scholarship Accounts and the Expansion of the Indiana School Choice Scholarship Program              | M         | V |

The below resolution has the support of all three Perry County Superintendents, and is being presented to each school board in the county to illustrate our collective concern for the diversion of funds from public education to private and charter schools.

**Resolution Opposing the Establishment of Education Scholarship Accounts and the Expansion of the Indiana School Choice Scholarship Program**

**WHEREAS**, the Indiana General Assembly during the 2021 legislative session is considering the establishment of education savings accounts (ESAs) that funnel state funding to parents who withdraw their children from public schools, as well as a significant expansion of the Indiana school choice scholarship program.

**WHEREAS**, education savings accounts give parents a portion of per-pupil state funding to spend like a taxpayer-funded debit card on education products and services, including private school tuition, unregulated home schools, and tutoring.

**WHEREAS**, the expansion of the Indiana school choice scholarship program would direct additional resources to non-public schools that are not held accountable to taxpayers for the use of public funds.

**WHEREAS**, public funds should be invested in public schools, which serve all children.

**WHEREAS**, non-public schools lack fiscal transparency, public oversight, and taxpayer accountability.

**WHEREAS**, education scholarship accounts would be funded out of the K-12 tuition support appropriation at the expense of funding to support public schools.

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 1005 creates an education scholarship account program called the "Indiana education scholarship account program" and Senate Bill 412 creates an education savings account program titled the "Indiana personalized education grant program".

**WHEREAS**, this legislation would further erode the financial support provided to Indiana's public schools, which serve over 90% of Indiana's students, and divert resources away from improving Indiana public school teachers' salaries as recommended by the Governor's Teacher Compensation Commission report, released on December 14, 2020.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved, the school board of Tell City-Troy Township School Corporation opposes and condemns the establishment of education scholarship accounts and the expansion of the Indiana choice scholarship program as proposed by members of Indiana's General Assembly in House Bill 1005 and Senate Bill 412.

## **7.. Such Other Business as May Come Before the Board**

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if anyone wishes to attend, hear or present evidence at the public meeting on the above referenced matter(s), and is in need of reasonable accommodation, please contact the Office of the Superintendent of the Tell City-Troy Township School Corporation, so that accommodations can be made. The Superintendent may be contacted by mailing to Tell City-Troy Township School Corporation, 837 17<sup>th</sup>, Tell City, IN 47586, or by telephoning (812) 547-3300.

This meeting is a meeting of the School Board in public for the purpose of conducting the business of the Tell City-Troy Township School Corporation and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There will be time for public participation as indicated by agenda item "Communications from the Public."

**These minutes have been approved by the Tell City-Troy Township School Board of Trustees.**

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**Board Secretary**

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**Date**